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- Traffic fine collection drive a success
- 13.26 lakh cases closed

Mysuru, Sept. 14 (MK&KS)- With the 50 percent rebate on pending e-challan traffic fines, announced by the State Government, coming to an end on Sept. 12, the Mysuru City Traffic Police and the District Police have together collected a total of Rs. 31,36,78,280 and closed 13,26,145 cases.

Of the Rs. 400 crore in total pending fines in the city, the City Traffic Police collected Rs. 29,97,64,030 between Aug. 23 and Sept. 12, successfully closing 12,70,876 cases. During the same period, the District Police collected Rs. 1,39,14,250 and cleared 55,269 cases.

Among two-wheeler violations, helmetless riding and triple riding topped the list of offences, while for four-wheelers, driving without wearing seat belts and overspeeding were the most common violations. Fines were collected at all Traffic Police Stations in Mysuru city, district-level Police Stations, kiosks and through online payments made by violators who had received digital notices.

Offenders paying their pending traffic fines at the kiosk opened exclusively by VV Puram Traffic Police in city.

City Police Commissioner Seema Latkar said there was an excellent public response to the rebate scheme.

"Instead of violating traffic rules and then paying hefty fines, it is very important to follow the rules to avoid penalties and more importantly, to safeguard precious lives. Two-wheeler riders, including pillion riders, must compulsorily wear helmets and four-wheeler drivers should always wear seat belts, which can save lives," she emphasised.

The State Government had previously announced similar 50 percent rebate schemes in 2023, making this the third time such a concession was offered to encourage violators to clear pending fines.

136-km glow to light up Dasara nights spectacle

- 118 circles, junctions to dazzle
- 2.5 lakh units of power, Rs. 6 crore cost

Mysuru, Sept. 14 (BLU,MTY & BCT)- The forthcoming *Nada Habba* Mysuru Dasara is set to transform Mysuru, the City of Palaces, into a wonderland, with grand illumination works planned at an estimated cost of Rs. 6 crore to captivate tourists and residents alike.

A vast network of 136 km of roads and 118 prominent circles and junctions will be lit up with colourful decorative bulbs, while over 80 artistic installations in unique, novel designs will be set up to enhance the city's visual splendour.

The illumination, which has become a major crowd-puller in recent years, is now an attraction in itself, drawing thousands of people who set out in the evenings solely to witness Mysuru glowing in lights after dusk.

The Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) Limited, the agency tasked with executing the illumination works, has instructed contractors to use specific high-quality bulbs.

The massive illumination project is expected to consume **2,57,520 units of power,** with the total cost estimated at Rs. 6 crore. In comparison, **1,74,480 units were used in 2022, 2,42,012 units in 2023** and **2,55,350 units in 2024,** showing a steady rise in power consumption over the years.

(See LIGHT on page 7)

Dasara Food Festival extended to 14 days

120 food stalls to be set up at Maharaja's College Grounds

Mysuru, Sept. 14 (MK&BCT)- The much-awaited Dasara Food Festival, one of the star attractions of the world-famous Mysuru Dasara celebrations, will be held at Maharaja's College Grounds from Sept. 22 to Oct. 5, giving food lovers an extended opportunity to indulge in a feast of culinary delights.

This year, festival has been extended for 14 days, beyond the main Dasara events, much to the delight of gastronomes and tourists.

Visitors will be able to enjoy Mysuru's illuminated streets and their favourite delicacies even after the Dasara *Jumbo Savari* on Oct. 2, with the food festival continuing on Oct. 3, 4 and 5.

Flavours from across India

The festival will bring together a diverse mix of cuisines, featuring popular dishes from both North and South India, along with tribal specialities such as the much-talked-about 'Bamboo Biryani'. Sweet lovers can look forward to homemade chocolates and a wide range of desserts.

A total of 120 stalls will be set up, offering vegetarian & non-vegetarian dishes, street food classics and regional favourites from across Karnataka, ensuring there's something to tempt every palate. Preparations for setting up the stalls are currently in full swing.

(See FOOD FESTIVAL on page 6)

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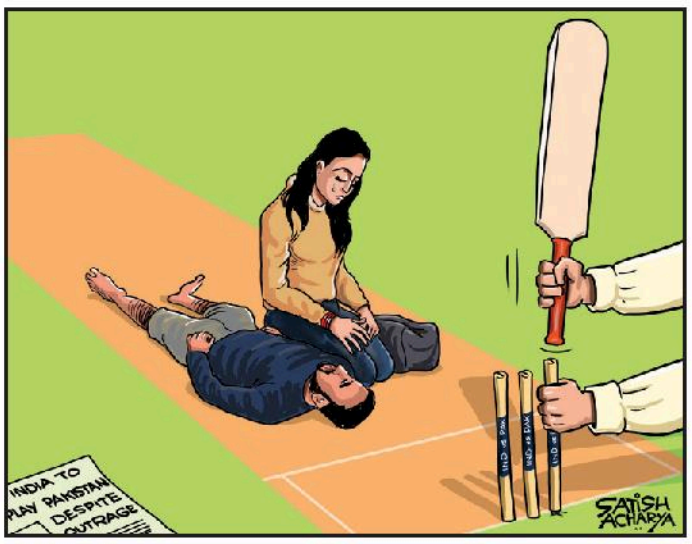
Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Sunday 14th September 2025

STAR PUNCH

By Satish Acharya



EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

AUTHORS ARE NOT MARKETING TOOLS: *An author is a writer and creative story-telling is what he or she does. A writer is not a sales person and should not be required to be one. If to publicise, market or sell was what an author wanted to do, wouldn't he or she have opted to become a PR executive or a marketing person?*

However, that's exactly what editors and publishers presently expect their authors to become. And that is unfair. Everybody knows that writing and marketing need completely different expertise. Writing is an act of creation.

An author's primary role is to create narratives that challenge, inspire or resonate with his or her readers mentally — not engage with them frontally. It is a behind-the-scenes operation that is quiet, solitary and mind consuming. Marketing on the other hand demands visibility, performance, and people skills. Both are thus fundamentally at odds.

To turn authors into promotional tools might even put their innate creativity at risk. So, let's uphold, promote and celebrate authors as artists, not advertisers. Marketing should be a happy choice and not a criterion for success. Let's not insist on what most authors across the board, dread — in-person book launches or in-conversation sessions that force them to perform before an invited audience to entice them into buying their books.

Though these gatherings have become the norm, an author's presence should ideally only be peripheral to all marketing strategies. For who knows, too much public exposure and hype might even backfire.

Readers might get put off and authors might get writer's block. When writers are free to just write, the world gets better books — and isn't that a win for everyone? May publishers realise, sooner than later, that they — why else are they in the business — shouldn't have to call on authors to promote, market, sell and turn those books into money spinners.

An author's role is to only create, write and provide them with — yes, those tough best sellers.

—Sreelata Menon in Deccan Herald

NEWS SPARKLERS

Most rope skips on ice skates

Hungary: A champion ice skater from Hungary took her jump rope out on the ice and broke a Guinness World Record with her skates on. Eszter Szombathelyi, who earned titles as both the Junior and Senior National Champion in Hungary, went out on the ice in Sun Valley, Idaho, and performed 136 rope skips in a single minute.

The feat earned her the record for the most rope skips on ice skates in one minute, handily defeating the goal of 45 set by Guinness World Records.

Man spits TT ball at a wall 51 times in 30 sec.

London: A serial Guinness World Record-breaker took some time during an ocean cruise to spit a Table Tennis (TT) ball at a wall and break one of his own records. David Rush, who holds the most concurrent Guinness World Records titles at more than 181, said he was "somewhere in the North Atlantic Ocean" aboard the Disney Wonder cruise ship when he broke the record for the most TT balls bounced against a wall with the mouth in 30 seconds for the third time.

Rush originally set the record at 43 bounces, and bested his own title in 2024 with 47 bounces at Guinness World Records headquarters in London. He managed to break the record for a third time with 51 bounces on day 5 of his cruise.

"To the casual eye, it might look goofy. But trust me: this record is deceptively difficult," he wrote online. "The spit has to be perfectly aimed. Too much pressure, and the ball rockets back higher than expected. Too little, and it drops low and slows you down. Every bounce is a split-second calculation: pressure, angle, timing."

HEALTH CAPSULE

What are the common types of psoriasis ?

The main types include plaque psoriasis (most common), guttate psoriasis, inverse psoriasis, pustular psoriasis, and erythrodermic psoriasis.

By Dr. Ravi S - Consultant – Dermatology and Cosmetology
Manipal Hospital, Mysuru

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LIFE'S ON

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Office-bearers of Association of Physicians of India

Dr. Prasanna *Dr. Inbanathan* *Dr. Krishnamurthy* *Dr. Lavanya*

Mysuru, Sept. 14- The following doctors have been elected as the office-bearers of the Association of Physicians of India, Mysuru Chapter, for the year 2025-26 during the Annual General Body Meeting (AGM) held recently:

Chairman - Dr. H.R. Prasanna Kumar; Vice-Chairman - Dr. J. Inbanathan; Gen. Secretary - Dr. H.A. Krishnamurthy; Treasurer - Dr. B.U. Lavanya.

Executive Committee Members: Dr. M. Jagadeesha; Dr. S. Shivaswamy; Dr. L.S. Adarsh; Dr. M.K. Aiyappa; Dr. A. Tejaswini.

Immediate Past Chairman - Dr. Y.S. Ravi Kumar; Imm. Past Secretary - Dr. R. Madhu Kumar.

Co-Opted Members - Dr. R. Lingachari and Dr. Shilpa Avarebeel.

Building Committee Member: Dr. Lakshmegowda, Dr. K.C. Shashidhar, Dr. Basavana Gowdappa, Dr. G.M. Vamdev, Dr. B.J. Subhash Chandra and Dr. H.R. Prasanna Kumar.

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Yesterday's level **124.00 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,282.61 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,858.57 feet**
Today's Inflow **10,065 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **3,948 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **1,624 cusecs**
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VOICE OF THE READER

Encroachment and traffic issues near CFTRI School

Sir,

The footpath along the MCC Guest House, Agri-Horti Office and CFTRI School in the Vontikoppal area has been largely encroached by street vendors, leaving very little space for pedestrians. This has become a serious inconvenience, particularly for girl students of Maharani's College of Commerce, who regularly walk from the Akashvani bus stop to their college and back. Similarly, schoolchildren and parents of CFTRI School are also facing daily difficulties navigating the area.

The problem is further aggravated by frequent traffic congestion and occasional accidents. The presence of temples around the junction draws heavy crowds during religious events, while vehicles parked along the road by visitors to nearby function halls make the situation even worse. Adding to the chaos, a parking area managed by the temple authorities contributes to further congestion.

In addition, stray cattle are often found blocking the road, making movement unsafe for both vehicles and pedestrians.

Behind the MCC Guest House are the Judges' Quarters, and nearby unused buildings and structures have fallen into a state of neglect, now being misused as open urinals and cattle grazing spots. This issue had been highlighted earlier by concerned readers, yet no corrective measures have been taken so far.

I urge the Mysuru City Traffic Police and Mysuru City Corporation to clear the footpaths of street vendors immediately before a serious untoward incident occurs. The girl students of Maharani's College, in particular, are at risk — forced to walk on the congested road, exposed to speeding vehicles and often subjected to uncomfortable stares from vendors as they pass through the area.

I sincerely hope this issue will be taken up on priority, and prompt action initiated to ensure the safety and convenience of the tax-paying public.

—A concerned citizen
Mysuru
9.9.2025

Cycle Jatha to mark Intl. Day of Democracy tomorrow

Mysuru, Sept. 14 (VNS)- District Administration, Zilla Panchayat (ZP) and Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) will be jointly organising a mega cycle jatha tomorrow (Sept. 15) as part of International Day of Democracy celebrations. This year, the celebrations will be held with the theme 'My Vote My Right.'

The 7-km cycle jatha will be flagged off from the DC's in Siddarthanagar in city at 8.30 am and will pass through main thoroughfares before culminating at the Town Hall premises to garland the statue of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar. Those willing to take part in the cycle jatha to be held in Mysuru should be 14 years and above. Interested, may register by visiting ***https://forms.gle/6ua5w93Cz8LVDb9aA***

The District Administration will also be conducting District-level debate, drawing and painting, photography competitions which will be held from Sept. 15 to Nov. 26 for general public and students. The prize distribution for the competitions will be held during the Constitution Day programme on Nov. 26.

For details, interested my contact Mob: 94823-00400.

Bike Rally: Ten bike riders will be taking out a rally from Mysuru to Bengaluru to take part in the State-level celebrations of International Day of Democracy to be held in Bengaluru tomorrow. The bike rally will be flagged off at 6 am at Kalamandira premises, Mysuru.

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Education is a symbol of self-confidence: CM

Mysuru, Sept. 14 (BLU&DM)- Stating that Sri Shivarathri Rajendra Swamiji dedicated his entire life for education of children, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah observed that everyone should have education as only education can make one live with self-respect and confidence.

He was speaking after inaugurating Sri Shivarathri Rajendra Anubhava Mantapa and new office of JSS Hostels Alumni Housing Co-operative Society at Sri Shivarathri Rajendra Nagar near Varuna Lake here yesterday.

Terming the caste system as a weed in the well, Siddaramaiah said, "The weed will go away when a water pot is let down into the well for drawing water. But it will come again when water filled pot is drawn up from the well. Despite knowing this, it is regretful to note that it has become common to see even the educated ask the people what caste they belong to."

Continuing, the CM said, "As advocated by Basavanna, there should be a casteless and classless society, and every individual should live with human values. Equality, freedom and brotherhood have been the aspirations of the Constitution. There is no movement as such for caste system. However, this system moves only when it gains economic and social strength. But it is disappointing to note that the vested interests within us are blocking the flow of these strengths to the caste system."

Maintaining that the Anubhava Mantapa of Basavadi Sharanas was the first Parliament in the world, the CM said, the same thing has become the Parliament and State Assemblies post-independence. Pointing out that during his earlier tenure as the Chief Minister he had made it mandatory to put up the photo of Basavanna in all Government offices, Siddaramaiah said now, during his second tenure as the CM, the State Government has declared 12th Century social reformer Basavanna as Karnataka's Cultural Icon.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah lighting the lamp to inaugurate the new office at Sri Shivarathri Rajendra Nagar yesterday as Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji and Animal Husbandry Minister K. Venkatesh look on.

Noting that the Suttur Mutt, under the leadership of Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji has made a mark at the international level in terms of education, Siddaramaiah said, this has been possible because of the strong foundation laid by the late Seer Sri Shivarathri Rajendra Swamiji.

District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa, in his address, said that Basavanna was against superstitions and superstitious practices. The present Siddaramaiah Government too is striving for carrying forward the rich legacy left behind by Basavanna, he noted.

Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji, who graced the occasion, said that CM Siddaramaiah who came from an economically poor background, knows what to give for the society. Pointing out that Basavanna built the Anubhava Mantapa 800 years ago, the Seer said that this Mantapa became a common platform for all sections of the society to get organised in building a secular society.

JSS Hostels Alumni Housing Co-operative Society President L. Revannasiddaiah, a former IPS officer who had served as the State DG&IGP, said that the Society has developed 1,400 sites in 400 acre area at Shivarathri Rajendra Nagar near Varuna Lake. Pointing out that the Society had then fixed a rate of Rs. 311 per sq.ft., he said that the eligible members of the Society are going to get the sites at this rate only even now.

This is perhaps the first Housing Co-operative Society in the State to distribute sites now at the initial rate fixed by the Society years ago, he added.

Animal Husbandry Minister K. Venkatesh too spoke.

CADA (Cauvery) Chairman Mariswamy, Guarantee Schemes Implementation Monitoring Authority Vice-Chairperson Dr. Pushpa Amarnath, Society Vice-President A.S. Channabasappa, Directors Basavarajaiah, Nanjundappa, Subbaiah, Mallikarjunaswamy and others were present.

Jatra Mahotsavas at M.M. Hills temple

Mysuru, Sept. 14- On account of Mahalaya Amavasya, Dasara, Deepavali and Kartika Masa, the following Jatras will be held at Malai Mahadeshwara Temple atop M.M. Hills in Hanur taluk of Chamarajanagar district. The temple is governed by Sri Malai Mahadeshwara Kshetra Development Authority.

Mahalaya Amavasya Jatra: The Mahalaya Amavasya Jatra will commence on Sept. 19, followed by Chaturdashi on Sept. 20, during which several rituals will be performed to the deity and Mahalaya Amavasya on Sept. 21, during which special rituals and Utsavas will be performed to the presiding deity.

Dasara Jatra Mahotsava: The 11-day Dasara festival will begin with Sharannavaratri on Sept. 22. Mahanavami and Ayudha Puja on Oct. 1 and Vijayadashami on Oct. 2, during which Kudure Vahanotsava, Dashami Puja and Teppotsava will be performed.

Deepavali Jatra Mahotsava: The Deepavali Jatra will commence from Oct. 18 with special events. On Oct. 19, the presiding deity will be performed Yennemajjana Seva (Oil Bath), followed by special rituals, Naraka Chaturdashi on Oct. 20 and Deepavali Amavasya on Oct. 21. On Oct. 22, the Deepavali Maharathotsava will be held from 9.15 am, following which rituals and Naivedya will be performed and Teppotsava later in the night.

Kartika Somawara Jatra Mahotsava: Kartika Mondays of the year falls on Oct. 27, Nov. 3, Nov. 10 and Nov. 17 (Teppotsava). Also, there will be special rituals at M.M. Hills temple from Nov. 18 to 20, according to a release from the Authority's Secretary.

NEWS BRIEFS

Annual General Body Meetings

Kodagu Sahakara Sangha will be holding its Annual General Body Meeting (AGM) for the year 2024-25 at Sangha premises in Jayalakshmipuram on Sept. 21 (Sunday) at 10.30 am. Sangha President A.C. Nanjamma will preside, according to a press release from Executive Director Ponjanda Lovely Appaiah.

The Crescent Consumer Co-operative Stores, Ltd., Mysuru, will be holding its 82nd Annual General Body Meeting (AGM) for the year 2024-25 at the premises of the Stores in Udayagiri at 11 am on Sept. 21 under the chairmanship of Alhaj Mahmood Hassan Sait, according to a press release.

Mysuru District Horticultural Producers' Co-operative Marketing & Processing Society (HOPCOMS), Mysuru, will be holding its Annual General Body Meeting (AGM) at Govindrao Memorial Hall on JLB Road (beside Hotel Metropole) at 11 am on Sept. 24, according to a press release.

Ph.D awardee

B.M. Darshan has been awarded Ph.D. in Mass Communication by Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Coimbatore for his thesis 'Networked Linkages Among Elected Women Representatives in Panchayati Raj Institutions in Karnataka: Exploring Social Media-Enhanced Participation and Representation' submitted under the guidance of Dr. Kalyani Suresh.

Obituary

Appachettolanda Chittianna

Mysuru, Sept. 14- Appachettolanda Chittianna (Babbu), a resident of Mangalore Road in Madikeri of Kodagu district, passed away at his sister Chendanda Indu's residence at No. 2061, 15th Main, 4th Cross, Vijayanagar 2nd Stage in city this morning. He was 75.

A bachelor, he leaves behind his sisters, brothers and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites will be held tomorrow (Sept. 15) at 10 am at Mukthidhama in Vijayanagar 4th Stage, according to family sources.

Hassan accident...

CM defends relief amount, questions BJP's record

Mysuru, Sept. 14 (RK,BLU &DM)- Expressing deep condolences over the tragic deaths of nine persons, who were mowed down by a speeding Canter during a Ganesha idol immersion procession in Hassan district on Friday night, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah announced that the State Government will provide Rs. 5 lakh compensation to the families of each victim.

Speaking to presspersons at Mysore Airport yesterday morning, Siddaramaiah said, "Whatever the amount of compensation, it can never equal the loss of a life."

The CM clarified that the Government cannot be held directly responsible for casualties or injuries caused by rash and reckless driving. He added that Hassan District Minister Krishna Byregowda has rushed to the accident site to assess the situation.

When questioned about the Opposition BJP's demand for higher compensation, Siddaramaiah hit back, questioning whether the previous BJP Government had paid a higher amount in similar tragedies. "The Government has paid compensation strictly as per norms," he said, adding that the Central Government has also announced Rs. 2 lakh compensation for each victim's family.

On Prathap Simha's petition

Responding to questions about former MP Prathap Simha's petition in the High Court seeking to restrain the Government's chosen Dasara inaugurator, Siddaramaiah said, "Now that the matter is before the Court, it will take its own course. Ask the petitioner himself what the fate of the petition will be," he quipped.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah addressing media persons at Mysore Airport in Mandakalli yesterday as District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa, Animal Husbandry Minister K. Venkatesh, MLC Dr. D. Thimmaiah, City Congress President R. Murthy and others look on.

Addressing demands from certain organisations for the extradition of Prathap Simha from Mysuru district during the Dasara festivities, Siddaramaiah said, "The Police are free to take whatever steps are necessary in this regard. I will not interfere in their decisions."

FIRs against BJP leaders

On allegations that the Government was targeting Hindu leaders, Siddaramaiah firmly denied the charge.

"BJP leaders and other Hindutva activists are making provocative speeches aimed at disturbing communal harmony and societal peace. The Police have registered cases as a law-and-order measure, and there is nothing discriminatory about it," he stated. Speaking on the upcoming Caste Census, the CM explained that it is a Social and Educational Survey covering the 7 crore population of Karnataka. The survey will collect empirical data on castes, sub-castes and converted populations to ensure accurate socio-economic planning.

District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa, Animal Husbandry Minister K. Venkatesh, MLC Dr. D. Thimmaiah, Guarantee Implementation Monitoring Authority Vice-Chairperson Dr. Pushpa Amarnath, City Congress President R. Murthy, District Congress President Dr. B.J. Vijaykumar, and other leaders were present at the airport to receive the CM.

Later, Siddaramaiah travelled by road to Sri Shivarathri Rajendra Nagar, near Varuna Lake, to inaugurate the Sri Shivarathri Rajendra Anubhava Mantapa on the city outskirts.

Death toll rises to 10

Former PM Deve Gowda visits Mosale Hosahalli, announces Rs. 1 lakh compensation

Hassan, Sept. 14 (VNS)- The death toll in canter accident touched 10 with authorities at Hassan Institute of Medical Sciences (HIMS) hospital declaring Chandan (26), a resident of Mosale Hosahalli as brain dead.

Sources said about 27 injured persons were undergoing treatment at the hospital.

Meanwhile, former Prime Minister and JD(S) supremo H.D. Deve Gowda visited the accident spot on NH 373 at Mosale Hosahalli between Holenarasipur and Hassan, where a canter rammed Ganesha idol procession on Friday night. Later, he also visited the house of one of the victims and offered his condolences. Later, speaking to media persons, the former PM described the accident as "deeply distressing," offering his condolences to bereaved families and wished a speedy recovery to the injured.

Gowda also announced that JD(S) will offer Rs. 1 lakh each to the families of the deceased. Rs. 25,000 will be given to seriously injured and Rs. 20,000 for minor injuries.

Pro-Kannada outfit to take out awareness jatha in industrial areas

Mysuru, Sept. 14 (GA&BS)- Kannadambe Rakshana Vedike will take out a four-day Jagruti Jatha (Awareness Jatha), from Sept. 15 to 18 at the industrial areas of Mysuru, demanding the installation of name boards in Kannada, jobs for Kannadigas and basic infrastructural facilities for labourers.

Addressing press meet at Patrakarthara Bhavana in the city on Friday, State President of Kannadambe Rakshana Vedike, B.B. Rajashekar said, MLA G.T. Devegowda will flag off the rally on Sept. 15, that will pass through Hootagalli Industrial Area, Koorgalli Industrial Area, Hebbal Industrial Area and Metagalli Industrial Area.

Rajashekar said, the local Kannadigas are not provided jobs in factories, while those from the Northern States like Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and others

are considered for employment. Apart from doing harm to the environment, land and water, the locals are deprived of jobs. Those employed on daily wage basis are denied minimum pay, but are forced to work for 12 hours. While the permanent employees are provided quality food, the daily wagers are catered poorly.

Despite deducting employees share towards ESI and Provident Fund (PF), the factory managements are not depositing the same along with their share at the Department concerned. Amid no job security and safety, the factory workers are denied health facilities, rued Rajashekar.

Even though the State Government has made it mandatory to use 60 percent of Kannada words in name boards, the factory managements are blatantly violating the stipulated rule, said Rajashekar.

Vedike leader D.P.K. Paramesh, State treasurer Nanjunda, Mysuru District President of Kannadambe Rakshana Vedike Santosh, Women's Wing President Manjula, Office-bearers Sindhuvalli Shivakumar, Manugowda and others were present.

Unidentified body found

Mysuru, Sept. 14 (KS)- Lashkar Police, who were on their regular patrolling on Chandragupta Road from the Silver Jubilee Clock Tower towards Gandhi Square, have found a body of an unidentified man on the steps of ASK Welding Shop, next to Arun Bakery. The body has been shifted to MMC&RI mortuary.

The deceased is aged between 40 and 45 years, 5.6 ft. tall, normal built, light brown complexioned, sports beard and moustache and has a mark of an old wound on his chest.

The kith and kin of the deceased, if any, may contact Lashkar Police Station on Ph: 0821-2418107/307 or call the Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2418339, according to a press release.

Dasara Yuva Sambhrama Day-4

Women's power in full display...

Mysuru, Sept. 14 (VVH&BS)- It was a women's show, on the fourth day of Dasara Yuva Sambhrama, last evening, at Open Air Theatre in Manasagangothri campus, as the girl students presented various women's related issues artistically, striking a chord with the audience.

Themes like — women's status in the society, empowerment, women freedom fighters, women farmers and Operation Sindoor, were portrayed in a melange of dance ballets performed to songs composed with a soul stirring music.

The patriotic songs, bravery of soldiers, tribute to Lord Ganesha and the sculptures crafted by noted sculptor Yogiraj of Ayodhya Balak Ram idol fame were presented rhythmically, catching the attention of the gathering.

Jai Sri Ram, Kannada...

As the students of JSS Arts, Commerce and Science College, Ooty road in the city, with a touch of mythology narrated the genesis of architecture, highlighting the contributions of Yogiraj to the realm, the awestruck spectators raised 'Jai Sriram' slogans with equal devotion. Kalika dance by the students of JSS Women's College, Saraswathipuram, underscored the message of women's empowerment, to the applause of the gathering. The personalities — actors and activists alike, who enriched the cause of Kannada, were paid a perfect tribute, with a performance for the song — *E Kannada Mannanu Maribeda Oh Abhimani* — by the students of Sai Ranga Educational Institutions, Bannimantap.

Operation Sindoor

Operation Sindoor, a dance ballet on India's military operation against Pakistan in May this year, in response to Pahalgam killings, where civilians were gunned down by terrorists, found sync with the audience, kindling patriotic spirit in them in a touching way. Kudos to the students of Govt. Girls PU College, Bannur.

The bond between cattle and farmer was narrated with a touch of green by the students of Hayagreeva College.

Transgenders...

The transgenders who deserve egalitarian treatment in the society, was suitably conveyed in a dance performance for the song — *Bandalu Bandalu Nodu Kalpana...* by the students of JSS Teachers Training Institute, Suttur, which attracted a standing ovation from the audience.

In all 53 college troupes, from across the State, showcased their skills on the stage, with majority of them having a women centric topic.

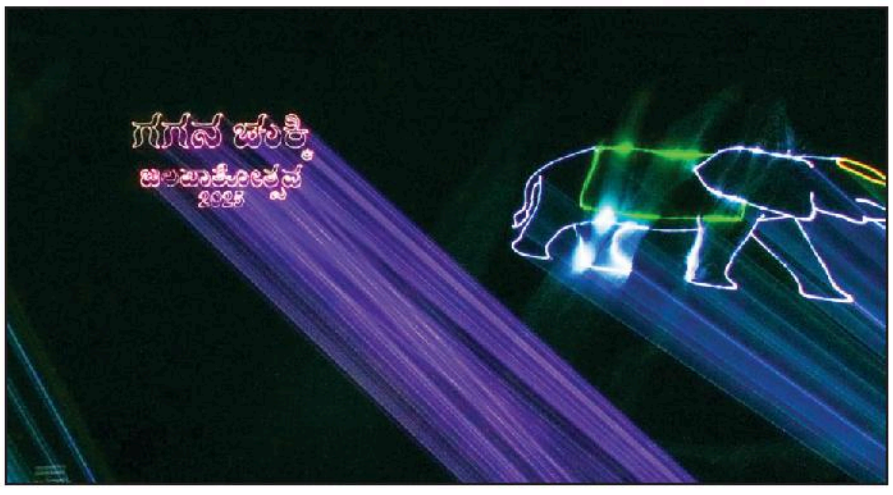
Saw Ambedkar in my father: Women's Commission head

Dr. Nagalakshmi Chowdhary, Chairperson of Karnataka State Commission for Women, shared tenets of her life, where she saw Dr. B.R. Ambedkar in her father.

"True to the belief of Dr. Ambedkar, who had propagated that, he would analyse development through the prism of women's status in the society, had not my father educated me, I wouldn't have become a doctor. Education is the key for women's empowerment and she can shape her life, only through education. It is only when the women become financially independent, she can do her mite to the nation and this land. Or else she would remain enslaved to others in life," said Dr. Nagalakshmi Chowdhary.

Dr. Nagalakshmi and Dr. Pushpa Amarnath, Vice-Chairperson of Karnataka State Guarantee Implementation Authority, entertained the audience by singing songs — *Akashada Neeliyalli Chandra Thare Thottilali...* and *Gedde Geltivi Navu Gedde Geltivi Ondu Dina...*

Gaganachukki Jalapatothsava to conclude today



Malavalli, Sept. 14 (MR&DM)- The two-day *Gaganachukki Jalapathotsava*, an annual waterfalls festival in Malavalli taluk of Mandya district, will conclude today (Sept.14).

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah inaugurated the festival, jointly organised by the Mandya District Administration, Tourism Department and Kannada and Culture Department yesterday.

Speaking on the occasion, Siddaramaiah urged the Centre to give nod for the execution of Mekedatu balancing reservoir project across River Cauvery along Karnataka-Tamil Nadu border.

Stating that Tamil Nadu too should not oppose the project only for political purpose, he said that with the KRS dam full to the brim due to copious rainfall in Kodagu and other catchment areas, there is no water sharing dispute between Karnataka and Tamil Nadu now.

"Karnataka was to release 177.25 TMC of Cauvery water to Tamil Nadu as per the Cauvery Tribunal decision. But Karnataka has released more than 210 TMC of water due to copious rainfall. The execution of Mekedatu project will help in storing 66 TMC of water that would be of benefit to both the riparian States in times of less rainfall. As such the Centre should grant permission and Tamil Nadu should not oppose the project", he pointed out.

Malavalli MLA P.M. Narendraswamy in his address, said that the State Government has planned to implement Drip Irrigation Project in the taluk at a cost of Rs. 60 crore. The CM will soon inaugurate a large marine aquarium at Gaganachukki and launch a Rs. 300 crore Irrigation project in the taluk, he added.

Various cultural and entertainment programmes were held on the first day of the event. Artists Sadhvini Koppa, Ravi Marur, Hanumantha, Shivaraj K.R. Pete, Music Director Arjun Janya, Singer Mangali, actors Daali Dhananjaya, Ragini Dwivedi and others took part.

MLAs Ramesh Bandisiddegowda, Ravikumar Ganiga and H.T. Manju, MLCs Dinesh Gooligowda, Madhu G. Madegowda and Sudhamadas, Mandya DC Dr. Kumara, ZP CEO K.R. Nandini, SP Mallikarjun Baladandi and others were present on the occasion.

Dasara invitation extended to Pramoda Devi Wadiyar

Mysuru, Sept. 14 (BLU&BCT)- With the Dasara festival scheduled from Sept. 22 to Oct. 2, District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa this morning formally extended the State Government's invitation to Pramoda Devi Wadiyar, member of the erstwhile Mysore Royal Family, at her residence in the Mysore Palace premises.

The invitation was presented traditionally, with the Minister offering the customary *'phalatamboola'* as part of the ceremonial gesture. Dr. Mahadevappa said he sought Pramoda Devi's participation and cooperation to ensure the success of *Nada Habba*, Mysuru's grand annual festival.

As per tradition, the Minister also presented the royalty cheque given annually by the State Government and discussed with her the royal assets that will be used during the festivities, including the Golden Howdah and other ceremonial paraphernalia.

Accepting the invitation, Pramoda Devi Wadiyar assured the Minister and the District Administration of full cooperation for the smooth conduct of Dasara. She hosted the Minister and officials over tea, where they discussed the finer details of the celebrations.

District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa seen inviting Pramoda Devi Wadiyar to Mysuru Dasara this morning at her residence in Mysore Palace premises in city. Others seen are** (from left) **Zilla Panchayat CEO S. Yukesh Kumar, SP N. Vishnuvardhana, Deputy Commissioner and Dasara Special Officer G. Lakshmikanth Reddy, Vice-Chairperson of State Guarantee Schemes Implementation Authority Dr. B. Pushpa Amarnath, City Police Commissioner Seema Latkar, Mysore Palace Board Deputy Director T.S. Subramanya, Additional Deputy Commissioner Dr. P. Shivaraju and Dasara Reception Committee Chairperson M.J. Roopa.

Speaking to reporters later, Dr. Mahadevappa said Pramoda Devi had given him suggestions on crowd management inside the Mysore Palace on Vijayadashami Day to prevent confusion, and assured that the District Administration will implement them.

Dasara Film Fest begins

84 national and intl. award-winning movies to be screened till Sept. 20

Mysuru, Sept. 14 (MK&VNS)- Week-long Dasara Film Festival-2025 got off to a glittery start with actors from latest Kannada hit movie *Su from So* lighting the lamp and offering floral tributes to the portrait of the late actress B. Sarojadevi along with District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa and other dignitaries during the inaugural event held at Mall of Mysore in city yesterday.

This year, the Dasara Film Festival is being dedicated to veteran actress B. Sarojadevi, who passed away recently.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Mahadevappa, said the film industry through various genres of movies had been impacting people socially, economically, spiritually and educationally.

Praising late actress Sarojadevi, he said the actress had acclaimed national and international fame through her acting in multiple languages including Kannada, Tamil, Hindi among others.

"The State Government recognising the achievements of Sarojadevi and Dr. Vishnuvardhan has decided to confer 'Karnataka Ratna' award," he said and added that Dasara is a festival to celebrate unity.

District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa, MLA Tanveer Sait and actress Sandhya Arakere of 'Su from So' Kannada film fame lighting the lamp to inaugurate Dasara Film Festival at Mall of Mysore in city yesterday as MLC Dr. D. Thimmaiah, Kannada Book Authority Chairman K. Manasa and actress Anjali look on.

Later, addressing the gathering, actress Sandhya Arakere of *Su from So* fame, said she was elated to be a part of Dasara Film Festival inauguration representing the film industry and added that being a Mysurean she used to watch Dasara as a general public but now to be a part of celebrations was a different feeling.

Actor Prithvi Ambar, who too spoke, said he was attracted to Mysuru since childhood because of its rich culture and heritage. Later, singer Jaskaran Singh entertained the audience with the song *Dwapara Daatuta* from the movie *Krishnam Pranaya Sakhi*. Later, the organisers felicitated achievers in film industry including actors and directors.

The Dasara Film Festival will witness screening of 84 national and international award-winning movies from today at INOX located at Mall of Mysore. Tickets are available at INOX.

MLAs Tanveer Sait, T.S. Srivatsa, MLC Dr. D. Thimmaiah, State Guarantee Scheme Implementation Authority Vice-Chairperson Dr. Pushpa Amarnath, Additional DC Dr. P. Shivaraju, Dasara Film Festival Deputy Special Officer Vijaykumar, Working President K. Shobha, Secretary T.K. Harish, actress Anjali and others were present.

Food Festival extended

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350 applications for stall space

Interest in participating this year has skyrocketed, with around 350 applications received for just 120 available stalls. Many applicants have filed multiple entries, so the Food Festival Sub-Committee will carefully screen and allot stalls based on merit and priority.

Stall fees have been fixed at Rs. 50,000 (plus 18 percent GST) for vegetarian stalls and Rs. 75,000 (plus 18 percent GST) for non-vegetarian outlets.

Exclusive stage for student talent

Adding a cultural flavour to the culinary celebrations, this year's food festival will feature cultural programs exclusively by school and college students. No outside performers will be invited, giving young talent a chance to shine.

Students who excelled in district and taluk-level competitions like Pratibha Karanji will take centre stage, with 4 to 5 student teams performing each day, bringing vibrant energy to the festival atmosphere.

Food Festival Sub-Committee Chairperson and Hootagalli Municipal Commissioner Chandrashekar confirmed the extended schedule and outlined the arrangements, emphasising that the festival aims to be a celebration of both Mysuru's cuisine and its youth talent.

Musical Evening on Sept. 18

Mysuru, Sept. 14- 'Malaya Maarutha,' a Musical Evening has been organised to celebrate Dr. Vishnuvardhan's 75th birth anniversary at Mysore Builders Charitable Trust (MBCT) Auditorium in Vishweshwaranagar on Sept. 18 at 5.30 pm.

Dr. Vishnuvardhan

The event is organised under the auspices of District Lions Service Foundation 317G.

The musical evening will feature songs from Dr. Vishnuvardhan's films. Notable guests attending the celebration include *Kala Saraswati, Padma Shri* Bharathi Vishnuvardhan and actor Aniruddha Jatkar.

Those interested in attending the programme may contact Ln. N. Subramanya on Mob: 98451-14001 or Ln. Jude Praveen on Mob: 93421-10499.

'Appiko Chaluvali'

- **MGP stages novel protest by hugging trees near DC's official residence on Hunsur Road in city**
- **Urges to remove Dasara lights from trees**

Mysuru, Sept.14 (MK&DM)- Strongly opposing the practise of wrapping decorative and illuminative small bulbs, wires and cables around roadside trees as part of Dasara illumination, the Mysore Grahakara Parishat (MGP) held an 'Appiko Chaluvali' in the city this morning, urging the authorities to put an end to this practice that endangers the trees.

The MGP members who gathered in front of the official residence of the Deputy Commissioner on Hunsur Road, staged a demonstration by hugging illuminated trees there.

Addressing the protestors, MGP Founder President Bhamy V. Shenoy said that the MGP has been demanding the authorities not to illuminate trees for Dasara by wrapping small bulbs, wires and cables around them, for the past several years. But still the authorities have continued with this practise, which poses a threat to the longevity of trees, he bemoaned.

"The illumination of trees right from the bottom to the top for days during Dasara festival, poses a threat to the health of the tree roots, tissues, stems and branches. Also, nails and screws are grooved to the trees, which damage the tissues of trees, that results in their weakening. Mysuru is already reeling under the effects of indiscreet felling of trees that are being done in the name of development and infrastructure improvement. As such, the authorities must do everything to at least save the existing trees for the sake of our future generation. The authorities must immediately stop the practise of wrapping trees with wires and cables for lighting purpose", Shenoy urged.

MGP Members, led by their Founder President Bhamy V. Shenoy, staging 'Appiko Chaluvali' by hugging a illuminated tree in front of Deputy Commissioner's official residence on Hunsur Road in the city this morning.

Later, the MGP members presented a memorandum to the authorities and proceeded to Mysore Palace, where they met District In-charge Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa.

Appraising the Minister on the harmful effects of tree illumination, they urged him to direct the authorities for stopping illumination of trees.

MGP President Shobhana, convenor Dayanand Sagar, city AAP leader Malavika Gubbivani, environmentalist Bhanu Mohan and others were present.

Bus shelter a cover to rename Dr. Rajkumar Circle: Raghu Kautilya

The place near Dr. Rajkumar Circle (Fountain Circle) on Bengaluru-Mysuru Road in the city, where the name board of the Circle is now removed to access the bus shelter.

Mysuru, Sept.14 (TRR)- Senior BJP leader and State BJP OBC Morcha President R. Raghu Kautilya has alleged a conspiracy behind the demolition of the Dr. Rajkumar Circle nameboard (popularly known as Fountain Circle) on Bengaluru-Mysuru Road in the city.

In a letter to the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) Commissioner, Raghu stated that the circle, widely known as Fountain Circle, had been officially renamed as Dr. Rajkumar Circle, and a concrete nameboard was erected to mark the renaming.

However, Raghu alleged that the nameboard was recently demolished under the pretext of constructing a bus shelter, but was not rebuilt, raising suspicions.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, Raghu said, "They have not rebuilt the Dr. Rajkumar nameboard because there is a sinister plan. The bus shelter construction was just an excuse to first demolish the nameboard and later rename the circle to appease somebody."

He urged the MCC to immediately reinstall the Dr. Rajkumar Circle nameboard, warning that failure to do so would trigger a fresh controversy for the State Government, especially with Dasara festivities fast approaching.

MCC Commissioner clarifies

When contacted, MCC Commissioner Shaikh Tanveer Asif told *Star of Mysore* this morning that he had no prior information about the issue but would verify with officials.

He added, "If the records confirm that the circle was officially named Dr. Rajkumar Circle, action will be taken against those responsible for demolishing the nameboard. However, if there is no such record, I will not be able to take any action in this matter."

Sumptuous breakfast served for mahouts, kavadis, family members

Mysuru, Sept. 14 (BLU&KS)- A sumptuous breakfast was served to mahouts, kavadis and their family members, who have accompanied the 14 Dasara elephants at the Mysore Palace premises this morning. District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa served the breakfast and later joined them along with other guests.

The breakfast was arranged by the Mysuru District Administration and an elaborate spread was relished by over 150 mahouts, kavadis and their families. The breakfast included obbattu and ghee, masala idli, sambar, chutney, vada, dosa, saagu, pongal with huli gojju, avarekalu uppittu, coffee and tea.

MLAs G.T. Devegowda and Tanveer Sait, Karnataka Exhibition Authority (KEA) Chairman Ayub Khan, Guarantee Schemes Implementation Authority Vice-Chairperson Dr. Pushpa Amarnath, Mysore Palace Board Deputy Director T.S. Subramanya, Deputy Commissioner G. Lakshmikanth Reddy, Forest Department officials and staff were present.

District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa serving breakfast to mahouts and kavadis at Mysore Palace premises this morning as MLAs Tanveer Sait and G.T. Devegowda, KEA Chairman Ayub Khan, Dr. Pushpa Amarnath, Mysore Palace Board Deputy Director T.S. Subramanya and others look on.

Tent school inaugurated

The District Minister also inaugurated the temporary school (Tent School) set up at Palace premises for the children of mahouts and kavadis. The children of mahouts and kavadis presented a tribal dance on the occasion. Though the temporary school commenced much earlier, it was formally inaugurated this morning.

The District Minister handed over uniforms to 35 children who are attending the temporary school. The temporary school has been set up by the Department of School Education and Literacy to ensure that the children of mahouts and kavadis of Dasara elephants, who camp for nearly two months for the grand annual festival, receive uninterrupted education during their stay in city.

The temporary school is equipped with a Nodal Officer and three teachers. Apart from education, the students will also receive mid-day meals daily.

136-km glow to light up Dasara nights spectacle

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Prominent lit-up locations

Among the 118 circles to be illuminated, some of the key landmarks include Doddakere Maidan, Ramaswamy Circle, Albert Victor Road, Devaraj Urs Road, Gun House, LIC Divisional Office, Mysuru Development Authority (MDA) Junction, Devaraj Urs Road and JLB Road Junction, Railway Station Circle, Cheluvamba Hospital Circle, Government Ayurveda Hospital Circle, Moulana Abul Kalam Circle (Highway Circle), Vidyapeeta Circle, and Fountain Circle.

To create a mesmerising visual experience, lakhs of decorative bulbs sourced from West Bengal and other States will be used.

These special bulbs have the capacity to emit higher lux levels and create dynamic moving formations, adding life to the artistic installations.

Highlights will include fluttering tri-colour displays, moving vehicle wheels, dancing dolls and several other captivating designs that promise to be show-stoppers.

Special illumination at KRS Dam, Brindavan Gardens

Mysuru, Sept. 14 (RK&BCT)- Along with the grand illumination planned across Mysuru city for Dasara, the Krishna Raja Sagar (KRS) Dam in Srirangapatna taluk, Mandya District, will also come alive with a special lighting display from Sept. 22 to Oct. 2.

Both the KRS Dam and the Brindavan Gardens will be beautifully lit, with dazzling light arrangements around the musical fountains, adding to the visual splendour and making the venue even more attractive for visitors.

In addition to the illumination, cultural programmes will be held every evening, where talented artistes will take the stage to entertain and engage the audience, offering a perfect blend of light, music, and art to complement the festive spirit.

Timeless... Terracotta

This Dasara, artists from across the State set to create magic with mud

Mysuru, Sept. 14 (VVH,MK&BCT)- Crafted from clay and steeped in centuries of tradition, the captivating art of terracotta murals is set to enchant tourists and art lovers alike at this year's world-renowned Mysuru Dasara festival.

For the first time, the Dasara Fine Arts and Handicrafts Sub-Committee is introducing this ancient craft through a dedicated Terracotta Mural Camp in two phases — **Sept. 2 to 8 and Sept. 22 to 28 — at the Chamarajendra Government College of Visual Arts (CAVA) in Siddarthanagar, Mysuru.**

Terracotta mural art, once widely practised during the Indus Valley Civilisation, celebrates the elemental power of clay — one of the *Pancha Bhootas* (five elements).

This year's camp spotlights a wide range of artistic styles, including vibrant folk traditions, intricate Badami Chalukyan motifs and exquisite depictions inspired by the Ajanta and Ellora caves.

A GLIMPSE INTO HISTORY

Terracotta sculptures, created by shaping and firing clay, have been a part of human civilisation for millennia, with evidence found across Greek, Indian and East Asian cultures.

In India, this art form has evolved through centuries, being used for religious, decorative and cultural purposes. In Karnataka, terracotta flourished during the Satavahana and Ganga dynasties, enriched by cultural exchanges with Roman traders and other global influences.

To promote the terracotta sculptures featured in Mysuru's prominent tourist destinations, a special art camp has been organised for the very first time under the guidance of renowned artist Ullaskar Dey.

Participating in this initiative are accomplished artists such as Ganesh Shervi from Bengaluru, Rukkappa Kumbara from Kalaburagi, Vittal Devendra Gavi from Belagavi, C.S. Vijayakumar from Mysuru, Mahadevaswamy from Chamarajanagar and Vinyas Katenahalli from Bengaluru. These artists are working together to create pieces that blend tradition with creativity, celebrating the diversity and depth of India's terracotta heritage.

ELEVATING CULTURAL LANDSCAPE

Several mural pieces are already nearing completion, inspired by the Ajanta and Ellora caves, Badami Chalukyan sculptures and rich folk traditions. Rukkappa Kumbara and Vittal Devendra have created dynamic dance-themed artworks in folk style, while C.S. Vijayakumar and Mahadevaswamy have meticulously recreated motifs from the Badami Chalukya era.

FIRED TO PERFECTION

Once the sculptures are complete, they will be carefully sun-dried for two to three days and then fired in a kiln to achieve their final form. "These murals are being crafted with care and precision to give visitors a glimpse into this timeless art form," said Camp Director Ullaskar Dey, speaking to *Star of Mysore.*

This year's Dasara festival offers a prestigious platform to revive and recognise terracotta, an ancient native tradition that thrived during the rule of kings and maharajas but is now on the brink of extinction.

"The responsibility of preserving this endangered art form rests with all of us. The Dasara Fine Arts Sub-Committee has taken a keen interest in reviving terracotta art and is using this festival to bring it back into the public eye," said A. Devaraju, Assistant Special Officer of the Dasara Fine Arts Sub-Committee.

With this unique initiative, Mysuru Dasara not only showcases its rich cultural legacy but also takes a vital step toward safeguarding a fading craft for future generations.

Rukkappa Kumbara from Kalaburagi displays his Chalukya style terracotta mural.

C.S. Vijayakumar from Mysuru and Mahadevaswamy from Chamarajanagar with their Ajanta style murals.

Vinyas Katenahalli & Ganesh Shervi from Bengaluru with their folk art (Janapada) artefacts.

Caste census from Sept. 22 to Oct. 2

State Govt. to spend Rs. 450 cr. amidst financial crunch

Bengaluru, Sept. 14 (UNI)- The State Government's decision to go ahead with a Rs. 420-450 crore Social and Educational Survey, despite claiming an "empty treasury," has thrown up a complex mix of fiscal prudence, social equity and electoral strategy.

Speaking to media persons, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah announced on Friday that the long-awaited enumeration, widely known as the caste census will be conducted between Sept. 22 and Oct. 7 to map the social and educational status of seven crore people.

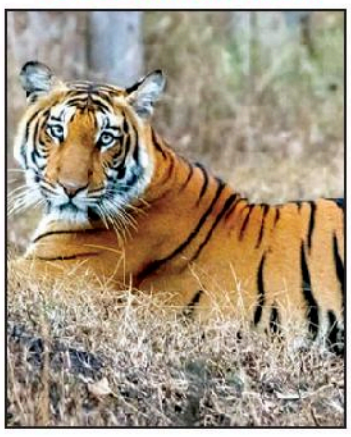
"The Karnataka State Commission for Backward Classes led by Madhusudhan R. Naik, has drawn up a 60-question questionnaire and is expected to submit its report by December," he added. Nearly 1.75 lakh government school teachers will be deployed during the Dasara holidays to collect household data, earning up to Rs 20,000 each. This manpower component alone accounts for about Rs. 325 crore of the total cost. Officials said the original estimate of Rs. 600 crore was scaled back to around Rs. 425 crore to Rs. 450 crore after review, but the financial commitment remains substantial at a time when the State has trimmed or deferred other welfare schemes citing resource shortages.

This is Karnataka's second attempt at such an exercise in a decade. The 2015 Kantharaju Commission survey, which cost Rs 165.51 crore, was never officially released after being criticised as "unscientific."

On June 12 this year, the Cabinet approved a new enumeration, invoking Section 11(1) of the Karnataka State Commission for Backward Classes Act, 1995, which mandates a revision of the backward-classes list every ten years.

Tiger Reserve status sought for MM Wildlife Sanctuary

Central Empowered Committee recommendation



New Delhi, Sept. 14 (Agencies)- The Central Empowered Committee (CEC), appointed by the Supreme Court, has recommended that the Male Mahadeshwara Wildlife Sanctuary (MM Hills) be declared a Tiger Reserve, citing its ideal habitat and potential to support a thriving tiger population.

The recommendation comes in the wake of the recent deaths of five tigers in the Hoogyam Range of the sanctuary. The committee conducted a detailed investigation and submitted a 55-page report to the apex court, emphasising the need for a comprehensive conservation strategy to address recurring incidents of tiger mortality across the Western Ghats.

The Male Mahadeshwara hills, together with the Hanur and Yedeyaralli Reserved Forests, were merged into a 906 sq. km protected area and declared a wildlife sanctuary in 2013.

Recognising its ecological importance, the Karnataka Forest Department submitted a proposal to the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) in 2017–18 to upgrade the sanctuary into a Tiger Reserve. The State Wildlife Board approved the proposal in 2019.

However, the NTCA initially returned the proposal, seeking clearer details about human settlements and residential zones within the sanctuary. After addressing these concerns, the State submitted a revised proposal, completing all procedural requirements for the declaration.

Following the recent tiger deaths, a special NTCA inquiry team conducted its own investigation and also recommended Tiger Reserve status for the sanctuary.

With strong backing from both the NTCA and the Supreme Court-appointed CEC, the push to officially designate the Male Mahadeshwara Wildlife Sanctuary as a Tiger Reserve has gained renewed urgency, marking a critical step for tiger conservation efforts in Karnataka.

Tackling rising digital offences

State gets India's first Cyber Crime Command Centre

Pronab Mohanty

Bengaluru, Sept. 14 (KMS& BCT)- In a decisive step to combat the escalating threat of online fraud and cyber offences, the Karnataka Government has launched the country's first Cyber Crime Command Centre, following a directive from the High Court.

This pioneering initiative will serve as a dedicated hub to investigate, monitor and respond to cybercrimes, including offences on social media platforms, banking systems, online gaming networks and software-related frauds.

The Cyber Command will address a wide spectrum of cyber offences such as ransomware attacks, stalking, online crimes against women and children, sextortion, deepfakes, digital arrests, identity theft, hacking, data breaches, disinformation campaigns and other cyber frauds.

To head this ambitious project, the Government has re-designated senior IPS officer Pronab Mohanty (1994 batch) — currently serving as DGP, Internal Security Division (ISD), Police Computer Wing (PCW), and Cyber Crime & Narcotics (C&N) — as Director General, Cyber Command. The Command Centre will process complaints from across the State, irrespective of where the victim resides or where the offence occurs.

Victims of digital fraud — whether through hacked bank accounts, compromised social media profiles or manipulated software — can now directly file complaints with this specialised unit for swift action.

The Cyber Command has been established using existing infrastructure and manpower, integrating the 43 CEN (Cyber, Economic & Narcotics) Police Stations currently operational across the State.

Complaints can also be lodged at district-level Police stations, with cases being investigated under the direct supervision of the respective Superintendents of Police (SPs).

The Command Centre will function from its headquarters in the CID building on Palace Road, Bengaluru, ensuring real-time monitoring, investigation and prevention of cybercrimes.

Karnataka has been witnessing a surge in cybercrime, ranking among the highest in South India for registered cases. Currently, over 16,000 cyber crime cases remain unresolved, with the number increasing daily.

Four-wing structure

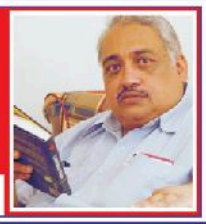
To ensure streamlined and effective operations, the Cyber Command Centre has been divided into four specialised wings:

- **Cyber Crime Wing:** Registers complaints and carries out investigations.
- **Cyber Security Wing:** Tracks financial frauds, social media-related crimes and other digital scams.
- **IT Intelligence Unit:** Locates cybercriminals, gathers data from social media companies, and traces IP addresses.
- **Training & Public Awareness Division:** Provides technical training to officials while conducting awareness drives for the public and students about cybercrime threats and prevention.

MLA inaugurates Gandhi Shilp Bazaar at JSS Mysuru Urban Haat

MLA T.S. Srivatsa inaugurated Gandhi Shilp Bazaar, a handicrafts and handloom products exhibition expo-cum-sale organised by JSS Mahavidyapeetha under the sponsorship of the Development Commissioner (Handicrafts), Ministry of Textiles, Government of India, New Delhi, at JSS Mysore Urban Haat in Hebbal, Mysuru, last evening. Others seen are M. Shivananjaswamy, Project Officer, JSS Mysuru Urban Haat, K. Dhanarajan, Deputy Director, Office of the Development Commissioner (Handicrafts), Ministry of Textiles, Government of India, Chennai and A. Rakesh Rai, Coordinator, JSS Mysuru Urban Haat. The expo-cum-sale will be open for public daily from 10.30 am to 9 pm till Sept. 21.

Over a cup of evening Tea



By Dr. K. Javeed Nayeem, MD

Should we keep our beautiful trees, out of our Dasara!

Our annual Dasara has since time immemorial, been an occasion for much celebration and joy across the length and breadth of our State, although its main nucleus has always been **Namma Mysuru,** the undisputed **'Jewel in The Crown'** city of Karnataka.

This State festival has been coming and going with its own kind of clockwork regularity over the years, with very few exceptions, when its grandeur had to be toned down greatly due to some exigencies, the most recent being the COVID-19 pandemic.

Even as I remember, this has also happened on a couple of occasions, in my childhood, especially during war times. But the earliest known record of the Dasara having been completely cancelled was in the year 1816, during the reign of **Maharaja Mummadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar,** when there was a severe famine across the State. This was done as an austerity measure, in accordance with the hard times the entire population of the State was going through.

The celebration of Dasara, as we all know, has largely been a very smooth sailing experience for us, Kannadigas and all our guests too. But this year's Dasara seems to be steeped in a few controversies for various reasons, which we can all hope will be sorted out smoothly and amicably, thus making its passage too, a pleasant affair, that will leave behind only happy memories for every one of us, as it has done in the years that have gone by.

Over the past one week though, even as almost all the preparations for the event have been completed and we are all set to start the celebration, it has run into a new hiccup. Although of a very minor kind, its outcome however, can greatly impact the way our city is going to look during this festive season and in the years to come too, depending on the decisions we take and the tradition we set for the coming years.

Some groups of people, with their concern for the well-being and safety of our avenue trees, have raised objection to them being decorated with festoons

of electric lights. This has been a fairly recent practice, resorted to only after low-wattage but extremely beautiful LED lights came on the scene. Until then, lighting up the city roads during Dasara was all about putting up buntings of multi-coloured light bulbs on wires strung across them on poles.

This was, in those times, good enough a decoration, that would leave us all enthralled and enchanted. But with changing times, when we look at it with an unbiased mind, we can all only agree that this new idea of ornamenting all our avenue trees with festoons and spirals of LED lights has greatly enhanced the beauty of our city during Dasara time.

Although I am also a very vehement supporter of the safety of our trees, I feel that embellishing our avenue trees with LED lights for a short period, is a pretty safe and harmless practice, which does not endanger them in any way as long as they are not mutilated or pruned unnecessarily.

I'm sure that any qualified botanist or horticulturist will vouch for what I'm saying. And since our Government has announced that from this year onwards Dasara lighting will be extended for a full month, the embellishment of our trees will be the only attraction remaining after the ten-day extravaganza, to the residents and all those who decide to extend their visit to our city during the festive season. If this is taken away, nothing remains by way of an extended Dasara treat.

In fact, this kind of harmless but extremely beautiful decoration is the only treat for most of us Mysureans, who prefer not to jostle, cheek by jowl, with others, either on the *Jumboo Savari* route or at the Bannimantap Torchlight Parade Ground where it culminates. Doing the latter these days, however takes great resolve, courage and patience of an altogether different kind.

Although newer and newer corrective measures are announced year after year by the concerned authorities, as surefire remedies for the utterly chaotic situation that prevails there, none of them seems to work. It looks all fine and reassuring when you read about in the papers, but the scene changes for the worse dramatically, as the deadline for the commencement of the event nears and you near your much sought after destination.

Your exorbitantly expensive gold-pass, that promises you a ringside view of the show, from close quarters, turns into a completely useless scrap of paper, excluding you from it altogether, when you go there only to discover that your seat has already been commandeered by someone else, with greater guts and gusto than you! And, all those who are deployed there to ensure that you are ushered to your rightful place, can only be seen wringing their hands with expressions of sheepish helplessness on their perplexed faces.

That is why, all sensible Mysureans, once bitten and twice shy, prefer to sit in the comfort of their homes and watch the Dasara on their TV screens, from their armchairs, these days! Yes, I last went on this expedition more than two decades ago and came back wiser, vowing never to venture there again, when I saw not just legitimate pass holders but even some specially invited guests too being denied a seat, much to their discomfiture and disgust.

So, for most sensible Mysureans, a great measure of the pleasure of experiencing the joy of their *Nada Habba* comes from a slow drive across the city, late in the night, through fairyland roads, lined on both sides by illuminated trees that look like they are made of gold and silver. Let us not deprive ourselves and our visiting guests of this magical joy, by stripping our trees of their most attractive and completely harmless embellishments. **Let simple common sense prevail, over obsessional activism!**

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TODAY'S MATCH (SEPT. 14)

INDIA Vs **PAKISTAN** 8 pm

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UAE Vs **OMAN** 5.30 pm

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Power disruption on Sept. 15, 16

Mysuru, Sept. 14- As Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) will be taking up its 2nd quarterly maintenance works at **66/11 KV Karya and Hemmagarala Power Distribution Centres on Sept. 15 between 10 am and 6 pm**, there will be disruption in power supply in the following areas:

Karya Power Distribution Centre - Hadya, Kahalli, Kamalli, Karya, Aralikattehundi, Bannur, Chinnamballi, Chunchanahalli, Hanumanapura, Kakkarahatti, Bhogaihanahundi villages and Gram Panchayat (GP) limits; Hemmagarala Power Distribution Centre - Hemmaragala, Nerale, Halepura, Hampapura, Kambralli, Mallahalli, Bujagaihanahundi, Hedatale, Basavattige, Srinagara, Singaripura, Madralli, Gonatagala villages and Gram Panchayat limits.

As CESC has taken up 2nd quarterly maintenance works at **66/11 KV Hampapura Power Distribution Centre on Sept. 15 and 16 between 10 am and 6 pm**, there will be disruption in power supply in Hampapura, Kanchamalli, Hommaragalli, Madapura, K. Belthur, Manuganahalli and Bachegowdanahalli Gram Panchayat limits.

As CESC has taken up quarterly maintenance works at **66/11 KV Hullahalli and Ayarahalli Power Distribution Centres on Sept. 16 between 10 am and 6 pm,** there will be disruption in power supply in the following areas:

Hullahalli Power Distribution Centre - Hullahalli, Shiramalli, Haginavalu, Rampura, Huskur, Valagere, Haratale, Belale, Heggadahalli, Gandhigrama, Byalaru, Gowdarahundi, Ahalya, Moballi, Karya, Madapura, Kurihundi, Duggalli Yalehalli villages and GP limits.

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CESC public grievances meet on Sept. 15, 16, 17

Mysuru, Sept. 14- The Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) will be conducting public grievances meeting for the power consumers coming under N.R. Mohalla Division at its Central, Chamundipuram, N.R. Mohalla, Jyothinagar and Varuna Sub-Divisional Offices as per the following schedule:

Sept. 15: The meeting will take place at Central Sub-Divisional Office at 11 am followed by meeting at N.R. Mohalla Sub-Divisional Office at 3 pm.

Sept. 16: At Chamundipuram Sub-Divisional Office at 11 am and at Jyothinagar Sub-Divisional Office at 3 pm.

Sept. 17: At Varuna Sub-Divisional Office at 11 am.

The members of the public are urged to take part and air their grievances concerning CESC services, according to the Executive Engineer, CESC, N.R. Mohalla Division.

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  Mirai (Te) - 4 Shows
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  Baaghi 4 (H) - 3 Shows
- **Lido Theatre** **Ph: 2420885**
  Jumboo Circus (K) - 2 Shows; *Son of Muthanna (K)* - 2 Shows

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Nidradevi Next Door (K)	(S-1)	10.15 am
Elumale (K)	(S-1)	1 pm, 4 pm, 7 pm
The Conjuring Last Rites (E)	(S-1)	10 pm; (S-3) 10.15 am
Demon Slayer (Japanese)	(S-2)	8.15 am
	(S-4)	9.55 am, 1 pm, 4.05 pm, 7.10, 10.15 pm
Green Girl (K)	(S-2)	11.30 am
Lokah Chapter 1: Chandra (Ma)	(S-2)	1 pm
Little Hearts (Te)	(S-2)	4 pm
Mirai (Te)	(S-2)	6.50 pm, 10.15 pm
Thanal (Ta)	(S-3)	1.05 pm
The Bengal Files (H)	(S-3)	3.50 pm
Son of Muthanna (K)	(S-3)	7.45 pm
Love in Vietnam (H)	(S-3)	10.30 pm

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Demon Slayer (Japanese)	:	10.25 am, 4 pm, 6.30 pm, 9.35 pm
Rakshaka (K)	:	10.30 am
Mirai (Te)	:	10.35 am, 9.30 pm
Mirai (K)	:	1.45 pm, 6.20 pm
Elumale (K)	:	11.10 am, 1.25 pm, 4.20 pm, 7 pm
Su From So (K)	:	12.30 pm
September 10 (K)	:	1.45 pm
Green Girl (K)	:	3.10 pm
Jumboo Circus (K)	:	3.55 pm
Thanal (Ta)	:	6.55 pm
Blackmail (Ta)	:	9.30 pm
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Demon Slayer (E)	:	1 pm
Elumale (K)	:	10 am, 4.10 pm, 7.10 pm
Lokah: Chapter 1 - Chandra (Ma)	:	10.15 am, 4.40 pm, 10.10 pm
Green Girl (K)	:	11.05 am
Jumboo Circus (K)	:	11.15 am
The Conjuring: Last Rites (E)	:	12.25 pm, 4.15 pm, 9.45 pm
Param Sundari (H)	:	12.30 pm
Heer Express (H)	:	12.45 pm
Ek Chatur Naar (H)	:	1.20 pm, 9.50 pm
Thanal (Ta)	:	1.55 pm
Baaghi 4 (H)	:	3.20 pm
Madharaasi (Ta)	:	6.35 pm
Son of Muthanna (K)	:	7 pm
The Long Walk (E)	:	7.45 pm
Kishkindhapuri (Te)	:	10 pm

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Mirai (Te)	:	10 am, 7.05 pm, 10 pm
Mirai (K)	:	12.50 pm
Son of Muthanna (K)	:	10 am, 4.20 pm
The Conjuring: Last Rites (E)	:	10.05 am, 1.15 pm, 7.20 pm
Elumale (K)	:	1.25 pm, 4.15 pm, 7.30 pm, 10.30 pm
Madharaasi (Ta)	:	4.05 pm
Nidradevi Next Door (K)	:	7.10 pm
Kishkindhapuri (Te)	:	10.20 pm

EVENTS TODAY (SEPT. 14)

- **Development Commissioner (Handicrafts), Ministry of Textiles, Government of India, New Delhi:** Gandhi Shilp Bazaar, exhibition-cum-sale, JSS Mysore Urban Haat, **up to 9 pm.**
- **Mysore Grahakara Parishat (MGP):** Launching a first-of-its-kind Mysuru Tree Census Project, Dr. Smitha Hegde and Sanjay Dattatri, an expert in Software (who is spearheading the project for MGP) will lead the discussion on tree census project, formal MoU will be signed by the representatives of the participating institutions on the occasion, MGP Office, 6/1, Vivekananda Road, Yadavagiri, **4 pm.** [Ph: 0821-2515150]
- **Yuva Sambhrama Sub-Committee-2025:** Mysuru Dasara Mahotsava, Yuva Sambhrama-2025, Open Air Theatre, Manasagangothri, **4 pm to 10.30 pm.**
- **Kannada Kriya Samiti, Mysuru, Kannada Vikasa Shaikshanika, Samajika, Samskrutika Samsthe, Nrupatunga School, District Kannada Sahitya Parishat, Mysuru and S.R. Sudarshan's relatives and friends:** Nudi Namana to Kannada Activist late S.R. Sudarshan, RamaGovinda Rangamandira, Ramakrishnanagar, **4.30 pm.**
- **Swarasankula Sangeeta Sabha, Mysuru:** Hindustani classical vocal concert by Pt. Dhananjay Joshi, accompanied by Pt. Ramesh Dhannur on tabla and Pt. Veerabhadraiah Hiremath on harmonium, Ganabharathi, Veene Seshanna Bhavan, Kuvempunagar, **6 pm.**
- **Rangayana:** Staging of play 'Hadeda Kodaligalu,' written by Kumaravyasa Bharata, directed by K.G. Mahabaleshwara, Bhoomigeeta, Rangayana premises, **6.30 pm.**
- **Sri Ramakrishna Ashram, Mysuru:** Swami Jnanayoganandaji speaks on 'Sri Ramakrishna Vachanaveda' in Kannada, Ashram premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm to 6.50 pm.**
- **Avadhoota Datta Peetham:** 4k Projection Mapping on 45-ft tall Karya Siddhi Hanuman statue, Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda (SGS) Ashram, Dattanagar, Nanjangud Road, **(3 Shows) 7.10 pm, 7.40 pm and 8.10 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (SEPT. 15)

- **Ramsons Kala Pratishtana:** 21st edition of Bombe Mane, No. 91, Main Road, Nazarbad, **10 am to 7 pm.**
- **Development Commissioner (Handicrafts), Ministry of Textiles, Government of India, New Delhi:** Gandhi Shilp Bazaar, exhibition-cum-sale, JSS Mysore Urban Haat, **10.30 am to 9 pm.**
- **Social Welfare Department, District Administration, Zilla Panchayat, Mysuru City Corporation:** International Day of Democracy, cycle jatha, DC's office to Town Hall, **8.30 am;** Floral tributes to the statue of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar and inauguration of various competition, District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa inaugurates, MLA K. Harishgowda presides, Town Hall premises, **10.30 am.**
- **Vidyavardhaka Polytechnic, Gokulam 3rd Stage:** 165th birth anniversary of M. Visvesvaraya and 58th Engineer's Day celebrations, retd. Executive Engineer of PWD M.K. Nanjaiah chief guest, Vidyavardhaka Sangha (VVS) Hon. President Gundappa Gowda chairs, Sahukar Chennaiah auditorium, VVCE campus, **11.30 am.**
- **Kannada & Culture Department, MCC and Mysuru Brahmashri Narayanaguru Jayantyotsava Samiti:** Brahmashri Narayanaguru's 171st Jayanti celebrations, Kalamandira, Hunsur Road, **11.30 am.**
- **Sri Krishna Mithra Mandali and Sri Krishna Trust, Mysuru:** Sri Krishna Janmashtami celebrations, Fancy Dress (Radha, Krishna and Balarama) Competition for children below 10 years, Sri Krishnadhama, Saraswathipuram, **1 pm to 3 pm.**
- **Department of Hindi, Ramakrishna Vidyakendra Composite PU College:** Hindi Day celebrations, Sri Ramakrishna Seva Sangha President M. Papegowda presides, Manasagangothri Hindi Dept. Assistant Professor Dr. Rekha Agarwal chief guest, Sharada auditorium, Ramakrishnanagar, **3 pm.**

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- **Institution of Engineers-India (IEI), Mysuru Local Centre:** 58th Engineers Day and 164th birth anniversary of Bharat Ratna Sir M. Visvesvaraya, honouring of Engineers and prize distribution, IEI premises, JLB Road, **5 pm.**

INOX LIVE the MOVIE

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Demon Slayer (Japanese)	:	9.45 am, 1.20 pm, 7.10 pm
Demon Slayer (E)	:	10.20 pm
Lokah: Chapter 1 - Chandra (Ma)	:	10.10 am, 4.20 pm, 7.25 pm, 10.30 pm
Mirai (Te)	:	10.15 am, 10.10 pm
Mirai (K)	:	3.50 pm
Room Boy (K)	:	10.30 am
Maayavi (K)	:	12.40 pm
The Conjuring: Last Rites (E)	:	12.55 pm, 7.15 pm
Jumboo Circus (K)	:	1.40 pm
Green Girl (K)	:	3 pm
Guri (K)	:	4.25 pm
Kishkindhapuri (Te)	:	4.30 pm
Middle Class Ramayana (K)	:	7.05 pm
Blackmail (Ta)	:	10.10 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there is no minimum audience of 15.

DASARA FILM FEST - 2025 SEPTEMBER 14

INOX LIVE the MOVIE

SCREEN 2

Bhagyavantharu (K)	**10.00 am**
Rajakumara (K)	**1.00 pm**
Lucia (K)	**4.00 pm**
Mayura (K)	**7.00 pm**

SCREEN 3

Anshu (K)	**10.15 am**
Feminichi Fathima (Ma)	**1.15 pm**
Puttannana Kaththe (K)	**4.15 pm**
Amaran (Ta)	**7.15 pm**

SCREEN 4

Good One (American)	**10.30 am**
Undine (German-French)	**1.30 pm**
Guardians of the Formula (Serbian)	**4.30 pm**
Exhuma (Korean)	**7.30 pm**

SCREEN 4 [Short-films]

Nanna Prapancha (K) and *Eradrupaay (K)*	**3.45 pm**

Narayanaguru's 171st Jayanti

Mysuru, Sept. 14- Brahmashri Narayanaguru's 171st Jayanti will be celebrated by Kannada & Culture Department, in association with MCC and Mysuru Brahmashri Narayanaguru Jayantyotsava Samiti, at Kalamandira on Hunsur Road in city at 11.30 am tomorrow (Sept. 15).

Solur Arya Ediga Mahasamsthana Seer Sri Vikhyatananda Swamiji and Shivamogga's Narayanaguru Mahasamsthana Seer Sri Renukananda Swamiji will grace the occasion.

MPs Yaduveer Wadiyar and Sunil Bose will be the chief guests. MLA K. Harishgowda will preside over the event.

Mysuru's Brahmashri Narayanaguru Mission Charitable Trust Secretary K.J. Manoj Kumar will be the main speaker.

Ahead of the event, a grand procession will be taken out from Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple at the Palace North Gate at 9 am. The procession passes through K.R. Circle, D. Devaraj Urs Road, JLB Road, Field Marshal K.M. Cariappa Circle (Hotel Metropole Circle), before culminating at Kalamandira, the venue of the stage programme.

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